

Five things you need to know today



Community owned energy meeting today

Childline Winter Concert tomorrow at The Usher Hall

Wedding Fayre at The Hub

Burns at The Scottish Storytelling Centre

Scottish Chamber Orchestra at The Queen's Hall

A public meeting is being held today at 10am at South Leith Parish Church, Henderson Street, Leith.

Setting up a community-owned Energy Company? What's going on around Britain

A growing number of people around Britain are choosing to start renewable energy co-operatives in their communities.

Chair: Mark Lazarowicz MP

Speakers include:

Pete Roche, Edinburgh Community Energy Co-op Board Member A recent survey by Co-operatives UK and The Co-operative Group looked at communities around the country investing time and money in installing solar panels, wind turbines or hydro-electric power for their local communities.

Mark Wells, Sheffield Renewables Ltd.

How they set up a community-owned energy co-operative in Sheffield

Stuart Hay, Edinburgh Community Energy Co-op Board Member

Results of solar surveys on community buildings in Leith.

Chas Booth, Greener Leith

Update on the Greener Leith and Pedal wind turbine project

Poster available

at: <http://edinburghcommunityenergy.files.wordpress.com/2009/>

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People in Edinburgh and the Lothians are being invited to join with talented local youngsters at the Usher Hall later this month for some seasonal celebrations at a special charity concert.

The ChildLine Winter Concert – which has been organised by NSPCC Scotland in conjunction with The City of Edinburgh Council – has become an established event in the city’s music calendar. Now in its 17th year, this much-loved concert features bands, orchestras, singers and ensembles involving young musicians from across the region’s schools. Together they will be performing a selection of seasonal favourites and popular classics which is sure to help everyone stave off the January blues.

All proceeds will go towards the development of ChildLine – the NSPCC’s 24-hour, confidential helpline service for children and young people – which this year celebrates its 25th anniversary.

NSPCC Scotland community fundraising manager, Susie Barron said: “Since 1986 ChildLine has given over 2.6 million children who desperately needed to talk somewhere to turn. Twenty five years later, ChildLine is still offering children a safe, confidential place to talk about their worries and we continue to see a growing demand for help from children and young people.”

She added: "It's thanks to generous public support through events like the Winter concert that we are able to raise the money needed to fund ChildLine and be there whenever and wherever children need us."

The concert starts at 3:00pm on Sunday, January 22 at the Usher Hall. Tickets are priced at £10.00 for adults, £5 for children/concession and can be obtained by contacting the box office on 0131 228 1155 or visiting www.usherhall.co.uk.

To find out more about supporting the NSPCC's work in Scotland, please contact 0844 892 0212, email scotlandevents@nspcc.org.uk or visit www.nspcc.org.uk/scotland. You can also get involved at [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#)

Couples looking forward to tying the knot will be able to explore one of the Capital's most distinctive and stylish venues when The Hub hosts a Wedding Open Day today and tomorrow, January 21 and 22 2012.

Situated in the heart of Edinburgh, The Hub offers couples a truly unique venue with its mix of contemporary design and Victorian architecture. All rooms are licensed for civil ceremonies and guests enter through the dramatic Sculpture Hall, created around a sweeping romantic staircase.

Jenny Rutherford, Head of Marketing and Business Development, said:- "Wedding Planners will be on hand from 11am to 4pm to discuss your wild or truly traditional ideas that will make

your wedding your very own. Drop in to view a range of wedding set ups and rooms, sample canapés and bubbly and challenge us to make your dreams come true.”

The Hub uses only the finest ingredients provided by top quality suppliers to compliment the sublime setting presented by the Main Hall, the Dunard Library, the Gallery and the Glass Room, all of which are all licensed for ceremonies.

And there is the chance to enter a prize draw for free canapés during your big day drinks reception & an afternoon tea for two if you book your wedding within one month of the Wedding Open Days.

The Scottish Storytelling Centre [does Burns](#) this afternoon at 4p.m. Join Foolish Notion for the perfect introduction (or refresher!) to the life and work of Robert Burns. With live music, lots of participation and a witty storytelling style, discover the history of Scotland’s famous bard through his best-known work – including Tam O’Shanter, Tae a Mouse and Address to a Haggis. Foolish Notion is Wendy Weatherby (cello) and Andy Cannon – one of Scotland’s most acclaimed folk musicians and one of Scotland’s finest storytellers working together to create a unique theatrical experience. For everyone aged 6+

The Scottish Chamber Orchestra appear at [The Queen’s Hall](#) tonight at 7.30. The concert is entitled In the Steppes of Central Europe:-

“Millions ‘discovered’ Ligeti without realising it when Kubrick peppered the soundtrack of *2001: A Space Odyssey* with his work. It gave him popular success, and few would dispute that he is one of the five most important composers of the past 40 years. Here is a chance, over two weeks, to hear two very different but equally fine scores by him. The ‘Hamburg’ Concerto pays tribute to Bach’s Brandenburg Concertos. Ticciati performs it with popular favourites from Central Europe.”

There is a pre concert talk at 6.30